

Charles H. Stout

(1903 ~ 1992)

Charles H. "Chick" Stout's noted career in newspapers and printing-related industry spanned more than half a century. Born in Winterset, Iowa, the fourth oldest in a family of six boys, he worked his way to a degree in accounting at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, as a Linotype operator at the University Press. After graduation, he became an instructor in newspaper management at the University. It was in Iowa City in 1927 that he also co-authored a book entitled "The Business Department of School Publications" with Harry S. Bunker and future pollster George H. Gallup.



The years 1929 through 1947 were spent in New York City as Vice President and Sales Manager for Matrix Contrast Corporation, with leave during World War II to serve as a U.S. Navy Commander in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters.

In 1948, college friend Bunker, then General Manager of Speidel Newspapers, recruited Stout to the Colorado Springs, Colo., headquarters of the eight-newspaper group as Assistant General Manager. In 1957, Stout was named Publisher of the Nevada State Journal and Reno Evening Gazette and Vice President of Speidel. He became President of the transcontinental group in 1964 and continued to serve as a Director and Chairman of the Executive Committee until his retirement in 1976 when Speidel merged with Gannett Co., Inc. Under his leadership, Speidel had grown to 13 daily newspapers and become the most profitable publicly-traded newspaper company in the United States.

Stout's career accomplishments earned him many honors as well as listings in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in World Commerce." Active in numerous civic and professional groups, he furthered his support of worthy organizations with the formation of the Charles H. Stout Foundation in 1982, serving as Chairman of the Board Emeritus at the time of his death at the age of 89.



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Information for Grant Applicants



Foundation Goals

The **Charles H. Stout Foundation** encourages applications for grants from organizations which were actively supported by Mr. Stout during his lifetime or that would, in the opinion of the Trustees of the Foundation, promote values treasured by its founder.

Grants of the Foundation are made to organizations operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, educational or religious purposes or for the prevention of child abuse and cruelty to animals.

Grant Disbursement History

Applicants often ask about the statistical composition of grant application funding approved by the Foundation. The Foundation has arranged its successful grantees in the following categories — arts and culture, education, health, social services, and “other.”

The percentage of Foundation moneys disbursed in each category from 1983 through the current year are as follows:

Arts and Culture	20 per cent
Education	43 per cent
Health	6 per cent
Social Services	30 per cent
Other	1 per cent

This information is provided to be of assistance to future applicants. The Foundation does not pledge that these percentages will be applied in the future. Each grant is judged on its own merits and not based on the category to which it may apply.



Foundation Policies

- Grants shall be made only to organizations which have been granted federal tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Preference is given to organizations that have low administrative and overhead costs so that the majority of the funds will apply to the primary need. Grant requests to fund capital improvements for such organizations will also be considered.
- Preference will be given to organizations in geographic localities where one or more members of the Foundation either reside or visit frequently in order that the utilization of funds can be more easily monitored.
- The Foundation intends to remain flexible in the granting of funds from year to year. Consequently, pledge, annual or continuing grants will be made only in unusual circumstances.

The following will not be considered:

- Applications from institutions that do not have tax-exempt status from the Federal government and applicable state government.
- Applications from organizations which unfairly discriminate against race, ethnic origin, sex or creed.
- Applications for direct or indirect loans to individuals or organizations.
- Applications that do not comply with the Foundation’s stated Application and Procedure requirements.



Grant Application/Procedure

Grant Application Form

A Stout Foundation Grant Application form must be used by all prospective applicants. This form is available in downloadable PDF format from:

www.chstoutfoundation.org

Evidence of Tax-exempt Status

Application forms must be accompanied by the organization’s **most recent determination letter from the Federal IRS**, classifying the applicant organization as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Financial Information

Application forms must be accompanied by the organization’s **most current audited and interim** financial statements.

Submission

Send the completed and signed grant applications along with the Federal IRS tax-exempt letter and financial information by **regular** mail to:

**The Charles H. Stout Foundation
P.O. Box 20733
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Deadline for Submission

Officers and Trustees of the Foundation meet annually in August/September of each year to review grant proposals.

**All grant applications
must be received by June 15**

in the year in question at the above Foundation address to be considered for review. **Failure to receive the completed form and required accompanying materials by that date will result in disqualification of the grant for consideration.**

Notification to Applicants

All applicants will be notified by mail shortly after the annual meeting of Trustees. (Note: If an application has been denied, it will not be held over for future reconsideration; a new application must be submitted.)